

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 14, 2015

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Scott Barnes, Steve McCorkle, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Gerald Mohr called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 15th & 16th budget meeting were approved on a motion by Steve McCorkle. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNUAL CALENDAR

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented the 2016 calendar for approval. Steve McCorkle moved to accept the calendar as presented. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JAIL INCOME TAX

Circuit Court Judge David Northam offered a letter of formal request that the Council not enact the ordinance to approve an income tax for the construction of the jail. The Judge felt it would be more fiscally prudent to allow funding for improvements to the courthouse not just the construction of a new jail.

SURVEYOR

Surveyor Marvin Rees asked that the Surveyor's fee schedule be amended to include a \$250 fee to utilities for crossing a legal drain. Marvin Hedrick moved to approve the amended salary ordinance. Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APC INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT

Mayor Pavey presented the APC inter-local agreement prepared by Grant Reeves and a timeline to adopt the proposal for the various boards. The plans provides for separate Area Plan and Board of Zoning boards for the City and County to be overseen by a Governing Board. Janet Kile moved to approve the inter-local agreement. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Charles Smith moved to appoint Gerald Mohr as the County Council representative on the Governing Board. Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Ashley Stevens, Director of Community Corrections requested an additional appropriation in the User Fee Fund in the amount of \$5,000. Motion to approve the appropriation was offered by Marvin Hedrick and seconded by Scott Barnes. Motion carried.

Stevens also asked that \$4,000 be transferred from Equipment Leasing to Computers. Steve McCorkle moved to approve the transfer. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan submitted his inmate report showing 41 inmates currently incarcerated. Cowan also reported on the weekly jail activities. The Sheriff noted that the Dodge Chargers were all in service at this time. The Sheriff is working with the county fire chiefs to resolve fire frequency issues. Council members shared their concern about safety with the excessive speeds of the deputies. Sheriff Cowan stated that a driving simulator will be used for additional training.

PUBLIC SAFETY INCOME TAX

Attorney Leigh Morning presented several ordinances required to establish a LOIT (local option income tax). Darren Bates of Data Pit Stop had explained that the Supplemental Homestead Income Tax could be reduced by .08% and that amount could be used to generate a Public Safety LOIT without changing the total rate to Rush County Residents.

Marvin Hedrick moved to reduce the Supplemental Homestead rate from .25% to .17%. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Warren Norris made the motion to adopt a Public Safety Income Tax at a rate of .08%. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

This action was followed by a resolution to designate a portion of the public safety revenue to the 911 PSAP. Charles Smith moved to earmark 50% of the revenue to the Rush County PSAP. Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

JAIL CAGIT

The 2015 State Legislature granted Rush County the ability to increase the CAGIT (county adjusted gross income tax) rate for the purpose of constructing a jail. Scott Barnes moved that the ordinance to approve a CAGIT rate of .6% for jail construction be signed. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Jail CAGIT- Copy of the ordinances will be inserted.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend director of Clean Green Rush announced that there will be a tire collection on November 14th at the Rush County Conservation Club. There will be no charge for this service. Yeend distributed the Association of Indiana Solid Waste Management Districts interim study on environmental affairs and asked for the Council's support on legislative issues.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONERS

Council members requested the Auditor to send a letter to the Commissioners with the following recommendations:

- Approve the Inter-local agreement creating a joint planning and zoning ordinance with the City of Rushville
- Appoint a member to the new Governing Board of the APC.
- Initiate new appraisals for the Pavey building and purchase the building needed for the construction of a new jail.
- Contract a construction manager for the jail project.
- Purchase new window blinds for the assembly room.
- Repair the tile in the East entry to the courthouse.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY FEE

Scott Barnes moved to approve the ordinance that establishes a fee for those who are exempt from personal property tax. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SALARY ORDINANCE

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented the 2016 salary ordinance determined at the Budget Hearing on September 15 & 16. Charles Smith moved to approve the salary ordinance. Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION REDUCTION

Warren Norris moved to approve a reduction in sheriff & jail budget for 2015 in the amount of \$60,000. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TRANSFERS

The following transfers of funds were approved:

- Sheriff K-9 \$740 from equipment to supplies. A motion was made by Charles Smith. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Sheriff K-9 \$1,260 from equipment to services. Motion by Janet Kile and seconded by Charles Smith. Motion carried.
- CAGIT \$6,000 from employee bonus to health insurance. Warren Norris initiated the motion with Steve McCorkle offering the second. Motion carried.
- Auditor \$304 from repairs to supplies. Motion by Marvin Hedrick. Seconded by Charles Smith. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gerald Mohr reported on his trip to Washington D.C. with Mayor Mike Pavey and David Willkie. They met with Congressmen Dan Coates, Joe Donnelly, and Luke Messer to discuss economic development issues for Rush County.

Warren Norris moved to adjourn. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Scott Barnes
Scott Barnes

/s/ Steve McCorkle
Steve McCorkle

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor